paragliding, hot air ballooning, skiing, mountain biking etc. Most of the States have identified locations for development of Adventure tourism depending upon their natural wealth. The Himalayan States, Coastal areas, Hilly areas, Deserts of Rajasthan, Desert of Ladakh, National Parks and Sanctuaries are some of the potential areas for development of Adventure tourism. The New National Tourism Policy acknowledges the critical role of the private sector with Government, working as a pro-active facilitator and catalyst for development of tourism including adventure tourism.

Development of historical and mythological places in Buxar

†2248. SHRI BASHISTHA NARAIN SINGH: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently sanctioned some funds for the development of infrastructural facilities in Buxar town of Bihar in view of its historical and mythological importance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the scheme of Government to attract tourists at Buxar in view of its immense tourism possibility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Development and improvement of tourism infrastructure is primarily the responsibility of the State Government/UTs. Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, extends financial assistance to the State Governments/UTs including Bihar for tourism related projects which are identified in consultation with the State concerned every year under the following schemes:—

1. Integrated Development of Tourist Circuits

2. Product/Infrastructure and Destination Development

3. Assistance for Large Revenue Generating Projects

Ministry of Tourism is also promoting the places of tourist interests/ spots through its 20 India tourism officers located in India, 13 abroad and through the 'Incredible India' campaign as well as publicity through print and electronic media etc.

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